

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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For: DISCREPANCY CORRECTION METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
CORRECTING DIFFERENCE IN LEVELS OF IMAGE SIGNALS OBTAINED BY  
AN IMAGE SENSOR HAVING A MULTIPLE OUTPUT CHANNELS

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

Further to the Official Action dated June 12, 2007 and the Advisory Action,  
please enter the following Preliminary Amendment in the above-identified application before  
examination on the merits. This Amendment is being filed together with an RCE.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on  
page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.